



I-90 ALLSTON INTERCHANGE

A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

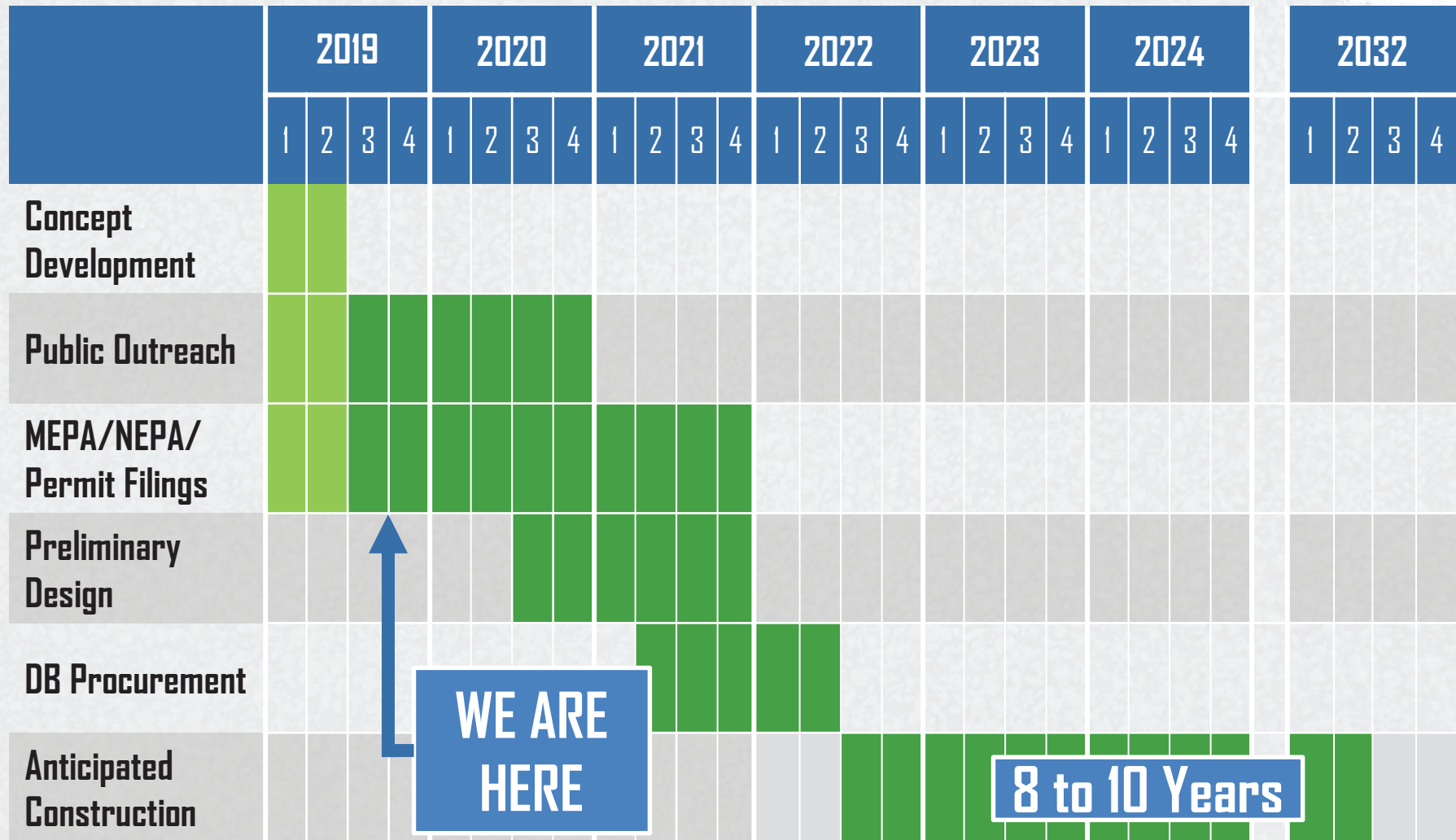
MASSDOT/FMCB JOINT MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019 – MASSDOT BOARD ROOM



Presentation Overview

- Project Schedule
- Project Status Update
 - Progress since May
 - FHWA NEPA Actions
 - CTPS Modeling
 - MassDOT Alternative 3L
 - Temporary Soldiers Field Road Structure
 - Upcoming Task Force Meetings

Project Schedule





What we have been working on since May

- Continued Advancing new Preferred Throat Alternative
 - MassDOT selection of Highway At-Grade “Modified” Hybrid (Soldiers Field Road over I-90 EB) and continued development of Concept Design including Construction Staging
- Conducted NEPA DEIS meetings with FHWA and Cooperating Agencies
- NEPA One Federal Decision process officially started with the publication of the NOI on 10/18
- Continued Coordination with MBTA and Harvard University on West Station Flip
- Continued advancing supplemental CTPS analysis
- Continued Conducting Subsurface Investigations in BPY and developed plan for additional investigations for Soldiers Field Road Viaduct and Temporary Soldiers Field Road Structure



What we have been working on since May – cont.

- Conducted July and August Metrowest and Central Massachusetts Public Information Meetings on;
 - Project Background including Project Timeline
 - Alternatives Under Consideration
 - MassDOT Alternative 3L (Preferred Interchange and Throat Area, West Station and Layover Yard Configurations)
 - West Station and Rail Yard DEIR and Flip Alternatives
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian/Open Space Accommodations
 - Construction Impacts
 - Temporary Soldiers Field Road By Pass Structure in the Charles River
 - Project Development Process

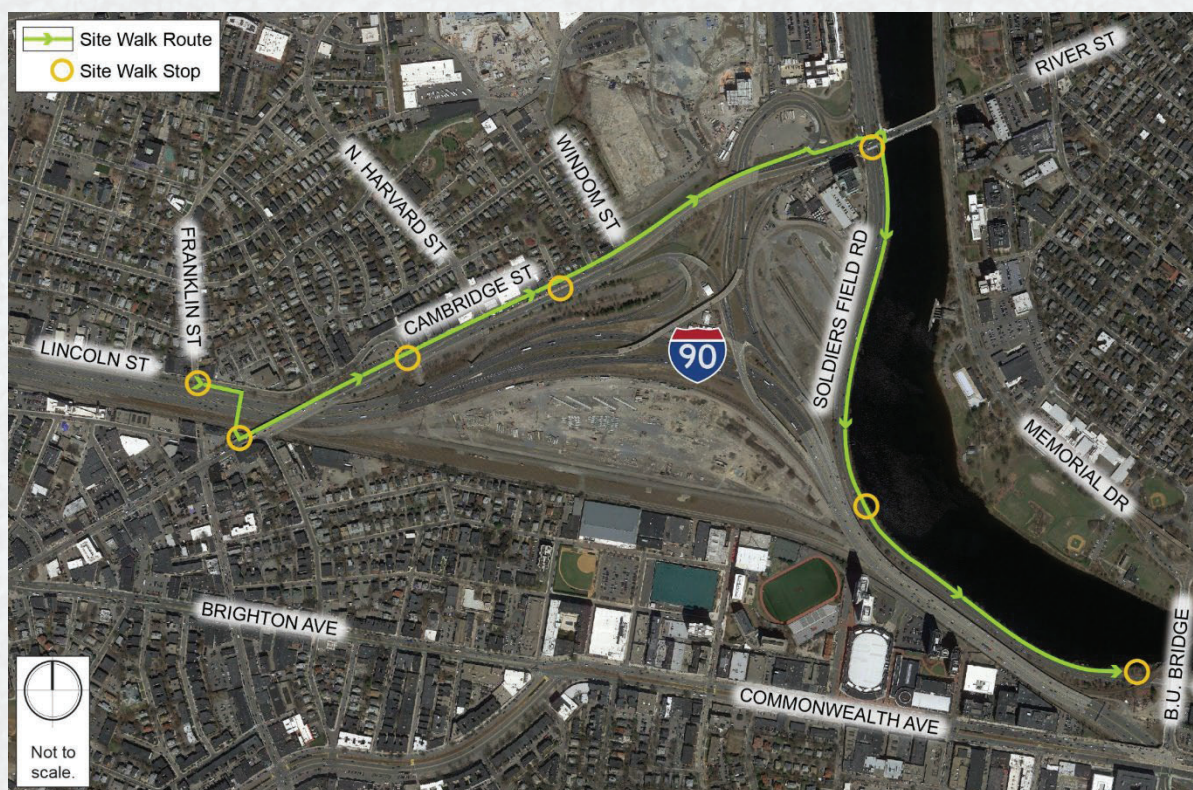


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- Conducted May, June , September and October Task Force Meetings on;
 - WB and EB Soldiers Field Road Conceptual Staging Updates
 - WB and EB Soldiers Field Road Conceptual 3D Visualizations
 - West Station Flip Analysis
 - Charles River Bank/Park Treatment Discussion
 - Project Stormwater Approach
 - Rail Issues
 - Grand Junction Profile
 - Need for Layover Yard
 - NEPA and Agency Coordination Updates

What we have been working on since May – cont.

- Conducted Task Force Site Walk – July 30
 - Franklin Street footbridge is an important, neighborhood connector
 - Cambridge Street at Linden Street and Lincoln Street
 - Cambridge Street at Seattle Street
 - Along the Dudley White Path
 - At the BU Bridge





FHWA NEPA Actions and Update

- In May FHWA determined an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the appropriate COA for the project
- Notice of Intent (NOI) filed in the Federal Register on October 18, 2019
- NEPA process from NOI to Record of Decision (ROD) expected to take approximately 2 years
- Invitation to state and federal agencies to become Participating and Cooperating Agencies on the project sent in July
- First agency meeting to introduce the project held on July 16th
- Subsequent agency meetings held on August 27th and October 9th

Executive Order 13807: One Federal Decision

- Requires One Federal Decision (OFD) process for NEPA Authorizations for Major Infrastructure Projects:
 - One lead Federal agency is responsible for navigating each major infrastructure project through the entire Federal environmental review and permitting process.
- Establishes Collaboration for Environmental Reviews
 - Federal agencies have a goal of completing the NEPA Process within two years.
 - Federal permits issued within 90 days of the Record of Decision.
- Public Tracking of all Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment projects, regardless of OFD applicability



Implementing OFD (4/9/2018 OMB MOU)

- MOU Implementing OFD Under EO 13807 establishes concurrence points for Cooperating Agencies
- Pre-NOI (Phase I)
 - Concurrence Point #1 – Written Concurrence on Purpose & Need and Permit Timetable
- NOI to DEIS (Phase II)
 - Concurrence Point #2 – Alternatives to be carried forward for analysis in the DEIS
 - Concurrence Point #3 – Determination of Preferred Alternative
- Agencies must concur within 10 days of the request for concurrence



Permitting Actions and Update

- Meeting with Army Corp (USACOE) on September 13th to discuss General Permit Process
- On going coordination meetings with DCR, DEP, MEPA
- The Project Initiation Request was accepted by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) marking the start of Temporary Bridge Permitting Process
- USGS Preliminary Navigation Review Determination is being processed

FHWA NEPA Scoping Process

- Public's first chance to comment on the project during the NEPA process
- Scoping document describes
 - Project Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives and Alternative Screening and Analysis
 - Methodology for analyzing each alternative during NEPA Environmental Review
 - Opportunities for Agency Coordination and Public Involvement
- Scoping Public Information Meeting will be on November 7
- Comment Period Ends December 12, 2019



Upcoming Task Force Meetings

November 7

- Public Information Meeting Brighton High School
- DEIS Scoping Report min. 30 day comment period

November 13

- Temporary Soldier Field Road Structure
- Charles River Bank/Park Treatment
- Rail Discussion

December 11

- Agenda to be determined

Moving Forward

November Joint Board Meeting

- Temporary Soldier Field Road Structure
- Charles River Bank/Park Treatment

December Joint Board Meeting

- DEIS Scoping Report Comments

January Joint Board Meeting

- Review of Draft MEPA Notice of Project Change